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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**[Docket ID FEMA-2013-0002]**

**[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-1322]**

**Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report, once effective, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings.

**DATES:** Comments are to be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 90 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov) for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-1322, to Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (e-mail) [Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (e-mail) [Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov); or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at [www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx\\_main.html](http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances

that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and also are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at [http://floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_fact_sheet.pdf).

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for

inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov) for comparison.

I. Non-watershed-based studies:

<b>Calvert County, Maryland, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
<b>Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <a href="http://www.rampp-team.com/md.htm">www.rampp-team.com/md.htm</a></b>	
Community	Community Map Repository Address
City of North Beach	City Hall 8916 Chesapeake Avenue North Beach, MD 20714
Town of Chesapeake Beach	Town Hall 8200 Bayside Road Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732
Unincorporated Areas of Calvert County	Calvert County Planning Department 150 Main Street, Suite 300 Prince Frederick, MD 20678
<b>St. Mary's County, Maryland, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
<b>Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <a href="http://www.rampp-team.com/md.htm">www.rampp-team.com/md.htm</a></b>	
Community	Community Map Repository Address
Town of Leonardtown	Town Hall 41660 Courthouse Drive Leonardtown, MD 20650
Unincorporated Areas of St. Mary's County	St. Mary's County Planning Department 23150 Leonard Hall Drive Leonardtown, MD 20650
<b>Jefferson County, Texas, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
<b>Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <a href="http://www.riskmap6.com/Community.aspx?cid=372&amp;sid=5">www.riskmap6.com/Community.aspx?cid=372&amp;sid=5</a></b>	
Community	Community Map Repository Address
City of Beaumont	Community Development Department 801 Main Street, Suite 201 Beaumont, TX 77701
City of Bevil Oaks	Bevil Oaks City Hall 7525 Sweetgum Road Beaumont, TX 77713

City of Groves	Public Works Building 4925 McKinley Groves, TX 77619
City of Nederland	Inspections Department 1903 Atlanta Avenue Nederland, TX 77627
City of Nome	City Hall 1586 2nd Street Nome, TX 77629
City of Port Arthur	Planning and Zoning Department 444 4th Street, 3rd Floor Port Arthur, TX 77640
City of Port Neches	Public Works Department 1005 Merriman Street Port Neches, TX 77651
City of Taylor Landing	Taylor Landing Building Permits Department 324 North Memorial Freeway Nederland, TX 77627
Unincorporated Areas of Jefferson County	Jefferson County Courthouse 1149 Pearl Street, 5th Floor Beaumont, TX 77701

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**Orange County, Texas, and Incorporated Areas**

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**Maps Available for Inspection Online at: [www.riskmap6.com/Community.aspx?cid=430&sid=5](http://www.riskmap6.com/Community.aspx?cid=430&sid=5)**

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Community	Community Map Repository Address
City of Bridge City	City Hall 260 Rachal Avenue Bridge City, TX 77611
City of Orange	Planning and Community Development Department 303 8th Street Orange, TX 77630
City of Pine Forest	Pine Forest City Hall 305 Nagel Drive Vidor, TX 77662
City of Pinehurst	Pinehurst City Hall 2497 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Orange, TX 77630
City of Rose City	Secretary's Office 370 South Rose City Drive Rose City, TX 77662
City of Vidor	Public Works Department 1395 North Main Street Vidor, TX 77662

City of West Orange	City Hall 2700 Western Avenue West Orange, TX 77630
Unincorporated Areas of Orange County	Orange County Environmental Health and Code Compliance Department 123 South 6th Street Orange, TX 77630

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